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MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S SYSTEM
REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS PROTECTS THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE
CHILDREN

On June 25, 2013, the Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion that created the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection (Commission) to review and make recommendations on various systemic issues surrounding child protection in Los Angeles County (County). Subsequently, the Board appointed an experienced and committed group of professionals to serve on the Commission.

On December 30, 2013 the Commission issued its 10 preliminary recommendations in the area of law enforcement, health, and implementation of previous recommendations made to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Subsequently, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was directed by the Board

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to provide a feasibility analysis report on the preliminary recommendations. This report was issued by the CEO on April 18, 2014 and the majority of the recommendations were deemed feasible for implementation.

The Commission released its final report on April 18, 2014 that set forth detailed and comprehensive recommendations to reform the County's child welfare system. The Commission presented a blueprint for an immediate system-wide transformation that includes a plan for prevention, collaboration, integration, measurement, oversight, and accountability as a path forward to achieve a reformed child welfare system.

The Commission having fulfilled its mission, the Board now must fulfill its duty to protect the children under its care and supervision by moving forward with system wide reform to improve the County's child welfare system.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and all coordinating County Departments to:

- a. Establish a multi-departmental team to conduct a feasibility analysis regarding the implementation of the Commission's recommendation as set forth in the Blue Ribbon Commission's final report;
- b. Develop a pilot project in Service Planning Area Six, where Public Health Nurses would accompany a social worker when investigating a child abuse and neglect referral for children

under age one;

- c. Develop a pilot project in Service Planning Area Six and Eight for children under age one who are temporarily detained to be evaluated at a medical hub; and
- d. Report back in 60 days on the feasibility analysis for implementation, as well as on the development of the two pilot projects.

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